1	2	3	4
1989	4176	4	4180
1990	15236	61	15297
1991	32419	75	32494
1992	44916	501	45417
1993	48143	58	48201
Total	148870	784	149654

Heavy Engineering Corporation

448 SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is no demand for goods being manufactured in Heavy Engineering Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Though there is adequate demand for goods being manufactured by Heavy Engineering Corporation, the company is facing constraints due to its BIFR reference, shortage of working capital and severe composition from domestic and international competitors.

Government is assisting the company by giving financial support, extending bank guarantees for working capital and in getting orders from other public sector undertakings, etc.

Jewelleries And Silver Missing From Strong Room of I.T. Deptt.

449 DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large quantity of jewelleries and silver has been recently stolen from the strong room of Income Tax Department located in Agra Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have investigated this matter; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government against the guilty persons?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. In May 1995 theft of the following items was noticed from strong room of the Income Tax Department at Agra :-

(1) Parcle No. 56 - Box containing silver, bullion and gold jewellery valued at Rs. 4.95 Lacs belonging to Shri Ram Babu Maheswari.

(2) Packet No.59 - Box containing gold jewellery valued at Rs. 4.72 Lacs belonging to M/s Sunrise Group of Bhavnagar.

(c) and (d). The matter is under the investigation of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

[English]

Appointment of Director in State Bank of Travancore

450 SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the date since when the post of non-official Director of State Bank of Travancore is lying vacant and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Associate Banks' Officers' Association has been making requests for filling up the post; and

(c) the time by which the post is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). At present no post of non-official director on the board of State Bank of Travancore is lying vacant. However, the post of non-workman director on the board of the Bank has been vacant since 14th December, 1994. Action has been initiated to fill up the post.

Vacant Posts in Law Commission

451 SHRI JAI PRAKASH (HARDOI) : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law Commission is working on ad-hoc basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of posts of Legal Experts lying vacant in this Commission and since when;

(d) the reasons for not filling up of these vacancies;

(e) whether the Government propose to accord the status of Constitutional body to this Commission; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). The Law Commission is constituted every three years. The present Law Commission was constituted for a period of three years from 1.9.1994 to 31.8.1997.

(c) and (d). The Commission consists of a Chairman and three full time Members. All these posts have been filled up.